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Docket No.: FOLTYN

In re Application of:)	
ROMAN FOLTYN et al.)	
Appl. No.: 10/595,486)	
Filed:)	Group Art Unit:
For: TEMPORALLY PRECISE EXECUTION OF)	Confirm. No: 1305
A MEASURING OR CONTROL ACTION,)	
AND SYNCHRONISATION OF A)	
PLURALITY OF SUCH ACTIONS)	

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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.56, applicant wishes to call the attention of the Examiner to the references listed on enclosed form PTO-1449 which were cited in the International Search Report issued by the European Patent Office with regard to the corresponding International patent application No. PCT/EP2004/011649, respectively. Applicant does not admit that any of the cited documents constitutes prior art against the pending application.

Copies of these references are submitted herewith along with form PTO-1449. The Examiner is requested to initial the attached form PTO-1449 and to return a copy of the initialed document to the undersigned as an indication that the attached references have been considered and made of record.

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In order to satisfy the requirement under 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3) for a concise explanation of the relevance of each item of information, applicant herewith submits a copy of the International Search Report. In addition, applicant notes with respect to any information that is not in English language as follows:

German Patent No. DE 196 13 734 describes a device for time-synchronized determination of electric signals, including a radio-controlled clock (5,6) connected to a frequency-locked loop (7,8) with a processor (9,10) and a controllable oscillator (11,12) at each site (1,2). At a predetermined instant, each processor produces an activation signal (31,32) for an output switching circuit (13,14). Consequently, a starting signal (S) is produced (15,16) simultaneously at each site, where the quantity (M1,M2) to be measured is switched (21,22) electronically to a sample-and-hold circuit (19,20) activated (17,18) by a sampling clock pulse (T). The oscillator may be crystal-controlled with an input digital-analogue converter and an output frequency divider.

German Patent No. DE 693 07 956 corresponds to U.S. Pat. No. 5,548,562 to Helgerud et al. and describes a method for synchronization of seismic surveys, wherein the systems are composed of subsystems and may be land-based or marine, consists in the survey system being supplied with an absolute time standard and a time code based on the absolute time standard being generated in the survey system. There is further provided at least one programmable event generator in the survey system and this is synchronized with the absolute time standard. The time for a specific event is predetermined on the basis of given parameters and supplied with the time code which corresponds to this time. The

time for a determined event is then supplied to the subsystems which are also provided with the absolute time standard. The event can thereby be executed in one or more of the subsystems on the basis of the supplied absolute time standard and synchronization is obtained with the desired accuracy. It is thus possible to synchronize shot times in a seismic signal generating system, and synchronize the shot recording time and sampling times in a seismic data recording system. It is also possible to determine the exact time of actually occurring events in a system for seismic surveys.

German Offenlegungsschrift DE 198 47 665 describes transmitter-receivers that communicate with each other with an unequivocal and synchronous channel switching sequence. In addition to common switches for signal processing, each transmitter-receiver includes for this purpose a program part (22) for a channel switching sequence and a clock generator device (24, 26) synchronized by a public radio time signal as well as a channel select circuit (20) and a channel switch (10). In case of a call, the receiving and the transmitting devices are adjusted to a given channel switching sequence depending on the identification number of the receiving device so that participation of other devices is excluded. Channel switching is effected at a relatively high frequency of approximately 1 MHz.

German Patent No. DE 198 41 262 describes a system for processing geographic position data and images. An electronic circuit (5) has a first circuit part (19) for input of geographic position data and for output of position data with image data in an appropriate form for common recording and/or transmission and a second circuit part (30-35) for input of recorded position data with image data and for their output in computer-readable form. The system also includes a computer program designed to display at least one digital map (44) on a screen (12), to display the recording site of images or image sequences represented by the image data on the at least one map and to display the corresponding images or image sequences when the user selects a recording site.

The above-identified application discloses and claims an invention patentable over this prior art.

Entry of the references above set forth into the file of the above application is believed to be in order and is respectfully requested.

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	8	WO- 03/012480	02-13-2003	FUMI, Eugenio		

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